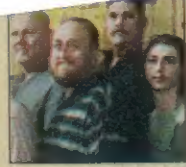


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Serving as Dean of Students

Dr. Kevin Ammons returns to ESCC

Dr. Kevin Ammons has returned to Enterprise State Community College to serve as the College's Dean of Students.

Ammons has about 18 years of experience in administrative positions in higher education, with 16 years total serving in various roles at ESCC. His previous roles at Enterprise State include Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Coordinator, Associate Dean of Students and Registrar, and Director of Financial Aid.

Prior to his return to ESCC, Ammons served as Executive Director of Student Services at Reid State Technical College and Dean of Students at Central Alabama Community College.

As Dean of Students at Enterprise State, Ammons will serve as the chief stu-



dent affairs officer and will be responsible for the overall leadership of student services. At ESCC, the Dean of Students provides leadership, management, and supervision of a comprehensive Student Services Division, including recruitment, admissions, financial aid, registration and records, advising services, testing programs, orientation, student support services, career services, an intercollegiate athletic program and a student activities program in accordance with appropriate laws, regulations, policies and guidelines.

"I truly believe Enterprise State Community College has something for everyone," Ammons said. "Our foundation was built on serving our community. As Dean

of Students, I want to focus on the services we provide our stakeholders. Whether it is our students, parents, community partners or business and industry leaders, we want to provide quality services to meet their needs. If we meet their needs, we will make our community better."

Ammons said he felt "honored" to return to the Weevil family at Enterprise State.

"I was a student here from 1998-1999," he said. "I made many lifelong friendships while earning my associate degree. Also, I worked here from 2004-2021, and I had the pleasure to work with so many colleagues who prepared me in my career."

Ammons started in his new role Monday, Nov. 18.

Coffee County Extension Office to host 'eggs' workshop

The Coffee County Extension Office will host an "All About Eggs" workshop Tuesday, Dec. 10, from the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. The workshop will be from 6-8 p.m.

Participants will learn about how eggs form, sizes, nutrition facts, and grading. Light refreshments will be served.

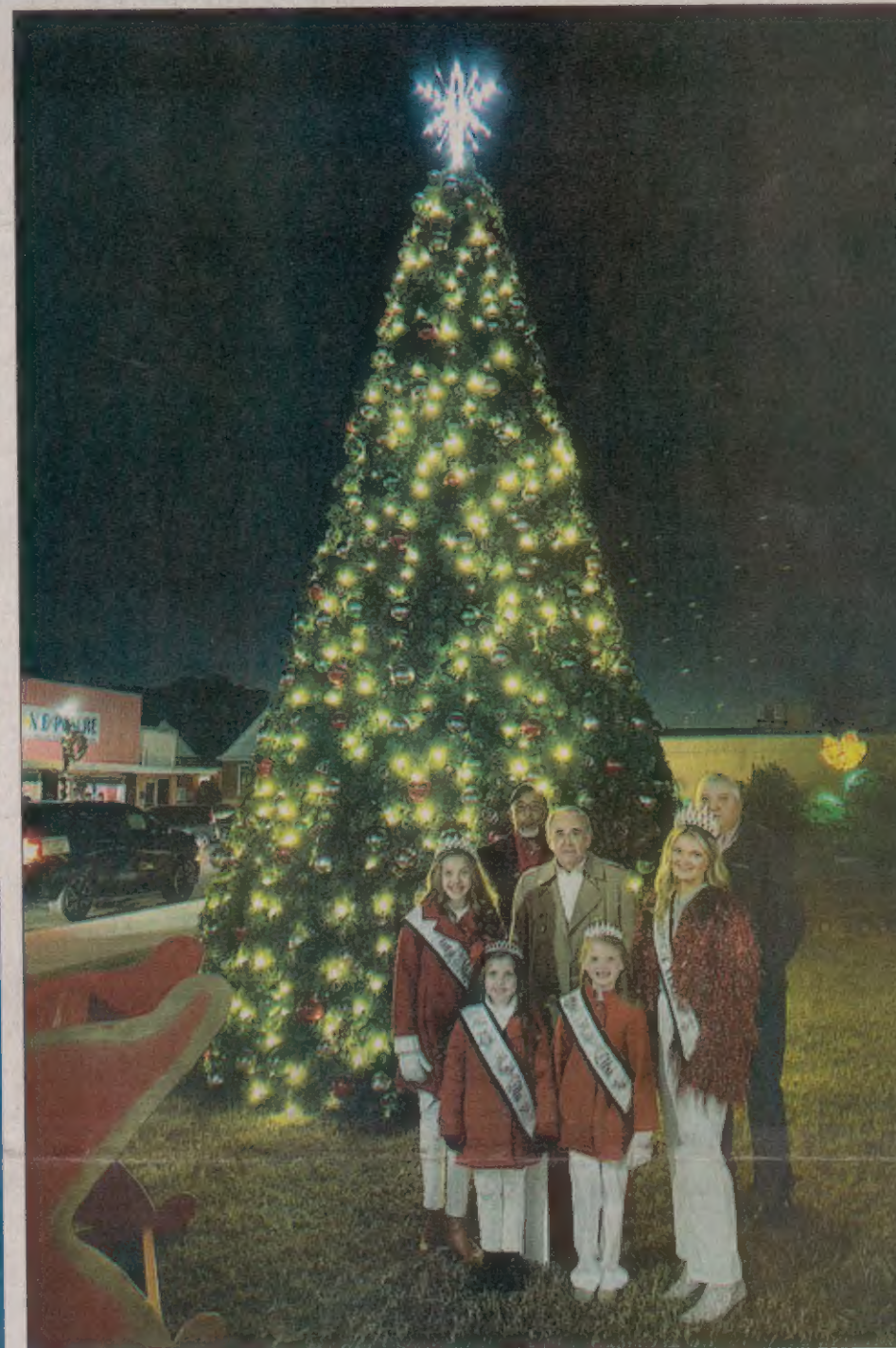
Registration can be completed by calling (334) 894-5596.



KELLY HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE...
James Kelly (left) was presented a Recognition and Dedication Award during the Elba Lions Club meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 26. Kelly has been a faithful member of the local civic organization for over 40 years. The award from the Lions Club International Headquarters was presented to Kelly by fellow Elba club member Carlos Magwood (right).



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK THEY DO AROUND CAMPUS...Three Elba High School students were recognized by principal Dr. Warren Weeks for the dedication to "keeping Elba City Schools looking nice" as he presented them with the Campus Clean-Up Crew award. These students take on any task asked of them to clean up things around the school campus. They are (from left) Robert Williamson, Victor McCord and Jack Williamson. Also pictured is Dr. Weeks.



THE LIGHTING OF THE 'OFFICIAL' ELBA CHRISTMAS TREE was held Monday evening, Dec. 2, prior to the start of the Elba Christmas Parade. Elba Mayor Tom Maddox was joined by city council members A R Williams and Bryan Grimes as well as City of Elba Queens (shown above) to usher in the holiday season by turning the Christmas tree's lights on for the first time in 2024. There were lots of smiles as the tree came to life!

ALEA reports traffic fatalities/violations during holiday enforcement period

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) concluded its Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period, which took place from Saturday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Dec. 1.

This critical initiative aimed to ensure the safety of all citizens during one of the busiest travel seasons of the year. During this nine-day period, ALEA Troopers investigated 473 traffic crashes, resulting in 21 fatalities. Nineteen individuals were traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts; however, 10 individuals



Enterprise Air Rescue helicopters are shown on scene of the Saturday night wreck on U.S. Hwy. 84 near County Road 514 in the New Brockton area. Reportedly, two people were airlifted from the scene of this two vehicle accident. (courtesy photo)

also did not use them. One of the individuals killed was a pedestrian and another was a passenger on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

The deadly crashes occurred in Baldwin, Cherokee, Clay, Colbert, Coosa, Dekalb, Elmore, Fayette, Geneva, Lee, Madison, Marion, Mobile, Perry, Pike, Tuscaloosa and Washington counties.

Troopers investigated a two-vehicle traffic accident Saturday night, Nov. 30, in Coffee County on U.S. Hwy. 84 near Coffee County Road 514 in New Brockton. This wreck caused road closure for several hours as emergency personnel were on scene of the accident.

Officials said two people were airlifted from the scene of this Coffee County accident, but no fatalities were reported as a result of it.

Additionally, ALEA

Troopers issued 5,264 citations and 2,730 warnings, along with making 60 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests. The top contributing factors in these tragic events include speeding, driving impaired and the absence of seat belt usage.

"The loss of 21 lives during what is meant to be a joyous holiday season is devastating," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives. Each number represents a loved one whose absence will be felt deeply this Christmas and New Year. As we transition into yet another highly traveled period, please remember that the messages surrounding traffic safety are critical and awareness can help us save lives."

With the holidays fast approaching, ALEA urges

all drivers to remain vigilant and practice safe driving behaviors. The potential for increased intoxication and traffic congestion heightens the risk of accidents during this festive time.

"We encourage everyone to prioritize safety by not driving under the influence, obeying speed limits, and ensuring that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up," said ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer. "Creating a safe environment on our roads is a responsibility we all share. Let us honor those we've lost this season by committing to safer driving practices moving forward."

ALEA remains dedicated to promoting vehicle safety awareness and will continue to enforce laws designed to protect lives on Alabama's highways. The Agency's '12 Days of Safety' campaign will launch on Saturday, Dec. 21, and run through the New Year on Jan. 1, 2025.

For further information on traffic safety tips and the upcoming campaign, visit the ALEA website at www.alea.gov.

Area Happenings

Zion Chapel Baptist Church members will present "Journey to the Savior" - a drive through live nativity this Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6-8 p.m. each night. The presentation will be at 27057 Hwy 87, Elba, Ala.

EDITORIAL



The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 initiated Duran Wayne McNeil Monday night, Dec. 2, into the Lodge. Food, fellowship, and work was had by all in attendance. Those pictured include: (front row, l to r) Drexell Richards, Daniel Stephens, Eddie Kelley, Matt Brunson Jr., Matt Brunson Sr., W/M Mike Amison, Duran McNeil, Brennan Sanders, James Gillespie (Oak Park Lodge 864), Joseph Gregory (Oak Park Lodge 864), Jerome Blackmon, and James McDaniel (Carmichael Lodge 548); (middle row, l to r) Troy Gideon III, Ray Kyle, Justin Prescott, Jeff Sneed, Ashton Davis, Chris Sanders, Johnny Davis, Scott Cole, Wendell Black, and Allan Crenshaw; and (back row, l to r) PGM Tommy Morrow and Steve Dewberry. Photo was taken by Harry Young.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, through Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Nov. 26 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 993 Hwy 203 (12:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 900 Martin Luther King Dr (8:40 a.m.);

Trespassing reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (2:05 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1508 Reese Ave (6:41 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1217 Jones Circle (8:03 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 733 Lee St (1:43 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at County Rd 610 and

County Rd 620 (6:04 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1004 Elm Ave (11:45 a.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in eight written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one arrest.

Thursday, Nov. 28 – Harassing communications reported at 19814 Hwy 87 (12:09 a.m.). No traffic stops on this date.

Friday, Nov. 29 – Powerline/Electrical fire reported at County Rd 505 and County Rd. 509 (8:32 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 839 Troy Hwy (6:45 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1006 Elm Ave (10:30 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in written warnings.

Saturday, Nov. 30 – Burglary reported at 1516 Edgewood Dr (12:02 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (4:52 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1220 Davis St E (11:55 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one citation, and one arrest.

Sunday, Dec 1 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 709 Roosevelt Dr (1:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 812 Reese Ave (1:42 p.m.); Harassment reported at 873 Cedar Lane Dr (2:37 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 972 Elm Ave (7:24 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

We want to extend a “job well done” to some Elba employees. We had noticed that a street light by our home went out a few weeks ago. While that is not really a big deal, it did put a wrinkle in our evenings as there was less light to enjoy the neighborhood. We also appreciate the sense of security the extra night light provides. On Monday of this week, we made a call to Elba City Clerk Sally Bane asking her to get the electric department to check out the street light at their convenience. She later responded that members of the department had said they would do just that. Well...upon arriving home Monday night, we found that the electric crew had not only checked on it during the day, but they had fixed the light! We can't ask for better service than that.

Elba held its annual Christmas Parade earlier this week... it was a cold evening for the event, but that did not stop those who participated and watched from having a great time! It was a delightful way to start the Christmas season.

What does the Bible say about...
God's Morality?

Article written by Douglas Williams



“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

“God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes” (Ecclesiastes 7:29).

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant” (Isaiah 24:5).

The Bible tells us of the sin and immorality that has plagued mankind since Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God. But the Bible tells of God's love and His provisions for our salvation from sin (John 3:16). Romans 5:8 states, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God expects our love in return for His love (Matthew 22:37-39). Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Sometimes when Christians insist that the Bible must be obeyed, they are accused of legal-

ism. But that is not the case because it only shows that a person loves God and man.

Morality refers to the right pattern of conduct and the working rules of moral action. It is virtuous conduct; a system of the principles of right and wrong with conformity to standards of right conduct. So morality is the way God wants us to live as we follow the perfect example of Jesus (Matthew 16:24; 1 Peter 2:21-25). But as the above scriptures and others teach, people have often sinned and departed from God's way (1 Timothy 4:1).

We must live good moral lives, but remember that Jesus died for us, and we must obey Him. Morality alone will not save. If that were true, Jesus would not have had to suffer and die on the cross. Also, we have the example of Cornelius in Acts 10 that was a good moral man, but he had to be told “words by which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11:14).

How wonderful that we can be cleansed by Jesus blood, and be as white as snow and wool (Isaiah 1:18). Have you been washed in the blood of the Lamb of God?

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Anaiya Henderson 12/28
Alice Musgrove 12/28
Pastor A.R./Bessie T. Williams 12/31 W.A.

A Promise Kept

What thoughts may have run through Abraham's mind when God spoke his amazing promise? "It's a far-fetched idea if I ever heard one!" How could I father a great nation? I don't even have a son! "I am a humble man; how could my life bless the whole world?" We who live at this end of history's thread may be thankful that Abram acted upon his faith than upon his doubts. He did father a great nation: his name (Abraham) is honored by billions of people; his Life's example has been a blessing to multitudes. The world's population is pressing toward six billion. Of these not quite twenty million are Jews. Physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac; the child of God's promise; nearly a billion are Muslims, most of them children of Abraham through Ishmael. Two billion are nominally Christians, spiritual heirs of Abraham, the father of the faithful. As the New Testament explains God's dealings with humanity. The blessing comes even to those who have no faith in our God; the world is a better place since God became flesh in Jesus the Christ, the one through whom the divine pledge to Abraham found ultimate fulfillment.

How wondrously does God keep His promises!

Question/Answer Section Q/A For the week of 12-5-2024

(Q) In times past, God spoke to His people of Israel through the prophets; but in these last days, by whom has He spoken?

(A) His Son - Hebrews 1:1-2

(Q) God has blessed us, chosen us, and destined us to be His children through whom?

(A) Jesus Christ - Ephesians 1:3-5

Thought to Remember

Sometimes God doesn't change our circumstances. He changes us in our circumstances

Questions for the week of 12-12-2024

(Q) When Jesus came up out of the water of the Jordan River at His baptism, what did He see the Spirit of God doing?

(Q) What event in Jesus life occurred immediately after His baptism?

Today is a good day! Be grateful
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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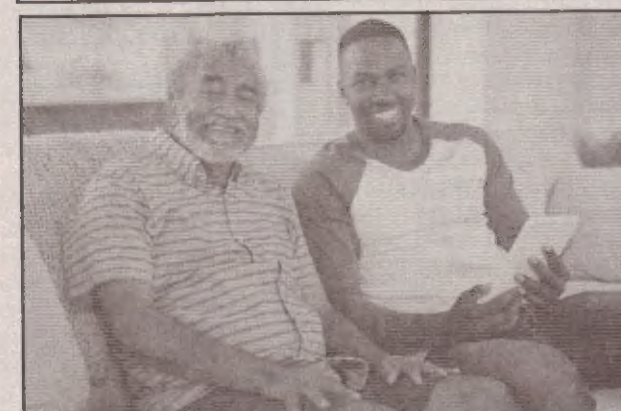
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AUSTIN TYLER FAULK

Mr. Austin Tyler Faulk, age 27, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the Centenary cemetery.

Tyler was a hardworking, big-hearted person, with a love for life and everyone in it.

He was preceded in death by his special friend - Angel Phillips, grandmother - Linda Faulk, grandfather - Leon Faulk, great-grandmother - Frances Black, and uncle - Leon Faulk Jr.

Survivors include his mother: Wendy Lee Faulk, Elba; stepfather: Billy Lee, Elba; father: John Cooper, Andalusia, Ala.; stepdaughters: Brooklyn Soisson, and Makenna Soisson, both of Brantley, Ala.; stepson: Austin Soisson, Brantley; brother: Brandon Lee, Elba; sisters: Kristy Cooper, Allysia Lee, and Zoe Lee, all of Elba; step grandmother: Nelly Lee, Luverne, Ala.; grandfather: "Papa" Roger Cooper, Andalusia; his one and only special niece: Kyla Jane Holston, Elba.

CHARLES P. HAYES III

Mr. Charles P. Hayes III, age 85, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, private services were held, and entombment followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Evergreen Cemetery, c/o Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Charlie, a second-generation funeral director, served the residents of Elba and surrounding communities as the owner of Hayes Funeral Home from

1960 until 2022. He will be remembered for his care, compassion, and professionalism by those he was honored to serve. He was actively involved in the Alabama Funeral Directors Association, serving as President in 1973, and continuing that role in 1974 due to illness of the incoming President.

Charlie loved Elba and its people. He was active in every facet of city government throughout the years. Due to his savvy business acumen, he was selected to serve on multiple city boards, and was often sought out for his input on decisions that would affect the town and fellow residents. He had numerous years of service with various civic organizations and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow designation through his service with Rotary International.

Survivors include his wife: Rebecca Colquett Hayes, Elba; daughters: Katrina Hayes (Kenneth) Calhoun, and Ceina Hayes (Terry) Spicer, both of Elba; son: Charles P. (Kerrie) Hayes IV, Pike Road, Ala.; his grandchildren: Wesley (Savannah) Calhoun, Lynn Haven, Fla., Katelyn Calhoun (Dylan) Seay, Elba, Charles P. Hayes V, Pike Road, Hadley Hayes (Trevor) Thigpen, Dothan, Ala., Connor Hayes, Pike Road, Hayes Ballard (Lindsey) Spicer, Mobile, Ala., and J. Cole Spicer, Atlanta, Ga.; a great-grandson: Hayes Ballard Spicer Jr., Mobile; and a nephew: William G. Clark Jr., Elba.

FRED D. TILLMAN

Mr. Fred D. Tillman, age 86, of Valparaiso, Fla., died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at HCA Florida Ft. Walton-Destin Hospital in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Mr. Tillman will be laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Alabama, at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Tillman family.

He was preceded in death by his parents - H. D. & Mittie B. Fuller Tillman; sisters - Adele Bowens, and Doris Morrow. Survivors include his wife: Judith Diane Tillman, Valparaiso; daughter: Angie (Jeff) Lewis, Phoenix,

Ariz.; son: Freddy (Denise) Tillman, Tucson, Ariz.; his grandchildren: Lucy Tillman, Tucson, Abi Lewis, Flagstaff, Ariz., Amber Lewis, Phoenix, Anna Lewis, Flagstaff, and Alex Lewis, Phoenix.

TROY EDWARD OWENS

Mr. Troy Edward Owens, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at his home in Elba.

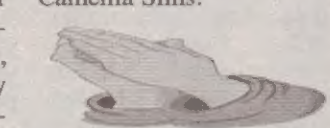
Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at 1 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver and Rev. Mike Owens officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to a charity of your choice or to the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Fund, 4408 County Road 223, Elba, AL 36323.

Troy spent his 40-year career as an aircraft electrician at Ft. Rucker, where he also made many friends. He enjoyed work-

ing on his farm, and even as his health declined, his best days were those where he slipped out and climbed on his tractor just to clean up around the place a little bit.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Gladys Chandler Owens, and after her passing, his second wife of 11 years, Judy Eldridge Owens. He also was preceded in death by three siblings, Frederick Sherman Owens, Robert Lamar Owens, and Betty Jean Jones.

Survivors include his daughters: Villa (Ronny) Danford, Wetumpka, Ala., Renae (Tim) Summerlin, Northport, Ala.; granddaughters: Kim (James) Fuller, Wilsonville, Ala., and Kayla Danford, Wetumpka; grandsons: Joseph Summerlin, Nashville, Tenn., and Jacob Summerlin, Chattanooga, Tenn.; great-grandchildren: Patrick Fuller, Abigail Fuller, Annalee Fuller, Olivia Fuller, Jameson Fuller, Jalyn Danford; and sisters: Pauline Isbell and Camellia Sims.



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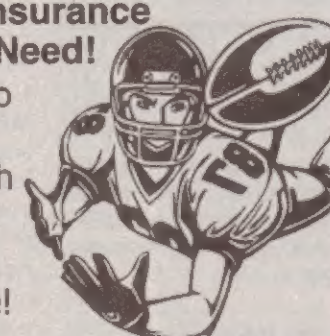
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How to Get Through the Holiday Season After the Loss of a Loved One - Blend Old Traditions with New Ones

For many people, Christmas is a favorite holiday full of many traditions. Whatever the holiday is, the first time it comes around after losing a loved one will definitely be different. With your loved one gone, the traditions just won't feel the same. Many people report they don't feel like celebrating much at all saying it just feels wrong to continue with the festivities when their loved one isn't there to participate.

If you do feel like you want to continue to celebrate it can be helpful to start blending old and new traditions together. There will likely be some traditions you want to continue, either because they are important to other family members, or because you feel like you can honor your loved one through the tradition. Other traditions you may wish to change.

Also, you will likely want to create some new traditions, particularly ones that honor and help you remember your loved one. For example, you might choose to hang up a new ornament on the tree that memorializes your loved one, or maybe you will choose to visit their grave site on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

It may also be that you want to switch the location of where you spend the holidays, either out of necessity if the person who used to host has passed away or because a change of venue will help ease some of your painful memories. Either way, make a thoughtful decision about where you would like to spend your holiday.

Once you have made some decisions about what traditions you want to keep or change, make sure to let everyone know your plans well in advance. Remember that other people may be grieving too, so it's best not to spring any big changes on them either at the last minute, if possible. Be honest. If there is something you want to do or something you don't want to do, be clear. Explain your reasoning as best as possible. Hopefully you will be able to come to an agreement.

It's also important to remember that not everyone will be grieving the same way you are. Not everyone will want to spend the holidays the same way you do. The best you can do is try to compromise and realize you may have to do some things on your own if you can't come to an agreement.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: SARA NELL MEEKS CASE NO. PR-2024-192

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donna J. Bowden, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge

Richard W. Whittaker
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 311166
Enterprise, AL 36331-1166
11/21,28&12/5-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES NORTON MILLER DECEASED. CASED NO.: 2024-834

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Eileen W. Miller, on the 14 day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY CASE NO. 24-833

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ABIGAIL MAE GIBBS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA SENDS GREETINGS TO: The father whose identity is unknown and any and all other persons concerned with the custody of ABIGAIL MAE GIBBS, a female child born August 29, 2016. You are hereby summoned to appear in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, to answer, respond to, or otherwise defend a Petition for Adoption filed by William E. Gibbs and Kay A. Gibbs. An answer, response, or other defense to this petition must be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice. You are also further commanded to provide a copy of said responsive pleadings to said Petition to Michael P. Hughes, Attorney for Petitioners, P.O. Box 10, Geneva, Alabama 36340. Given under my hand and seal this the 12 day of November, 2024. /s/ Toby L. Seay Toby Seay Geneva County Probate Judge 11/21,28,12/5&12-pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF JOHN MARVIN McALLISTER, Deceased

PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY 24-831

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to John Matthew McAllister aka Jonathan Matthew McAllister, Administrator on the 19th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are here-

by required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. JONATHAN MATTHEW MCALLISTER 11/28,12/5&12-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Larry Davis Clary, Deceased Case No. 24-835

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Gregory D. Clary, Executor (Personal Representative), on the 25th day of November, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred. /s/ Toby L. Seay Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
12/5,12&19-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WALLACE HORNSBY, DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2024-186

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred. /s/ James Russell James Russell Personal Representative 12/5,12&19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of: LAWANNA JOY CHESHIRE Deceased CASE NO. PR-2024-195

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Lori Daniels, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Lori Daniels Lori Daniels, Administrator /s/ David L. Brown Hon. David L. Brown Attorney for Administrator 12/5,12&19-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (Enterprise Division)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY MACK SULLIVANT, Deceased. CASE NO.: PR-2024-185

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Joey Sullivan, as Administrator of the Estate of Jerry Mack Sullivan, deceased, on the 2nd day of December, 2024, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama. **NOTICE IS HEREBY**

GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
12/5,12&19-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES JACKSON HOLLEN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. PR-2024-177

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of October, 2024, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Cathleen Wheelock to serve as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Jackson Hollen, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Charles Jackson Hollen that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred. /s/ Charles H. Ellzey Charles H. Ellzey (ELL077) Estate Attorney PO Box 764 Elba, AL 36323 334-403-5691 chas@chellzeylaw.com 12/5,12&19-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE EXHUMATION/ DISINTERMENT AND REINTERMENT OF CLARENCE THOMAS, DECEASED CASE NO: CV-2024-900126

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: PHYLLIS THOMAS HERRING. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Order Authorizing the Exhumation/Disinterment, Transfer, and Reinterment of the Earthly Remains of Clarence Thomas, Deceased, has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (ENTERPRISE DIVISION) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of last publication, which will be the 26th day of December 2024, or thereafter a default judgment may be entered against you. This the 27th day of November, 2024. /s/ Amy L. Reeves Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk Coffee County, Alabama 12/5,12,19&26-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

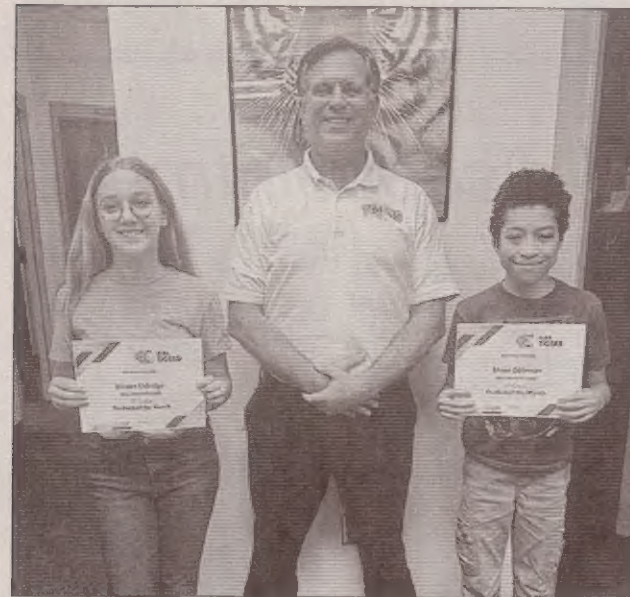
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE EUGENE DURGA, Deceased. CASE NO. PC-24-042

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 22nd day of October, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law for the same will be barred. /s/ Lynnne Durga Personal Representative 11/28,12/5&12-pd.

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Elba High School recognized "Students of the Month" in November



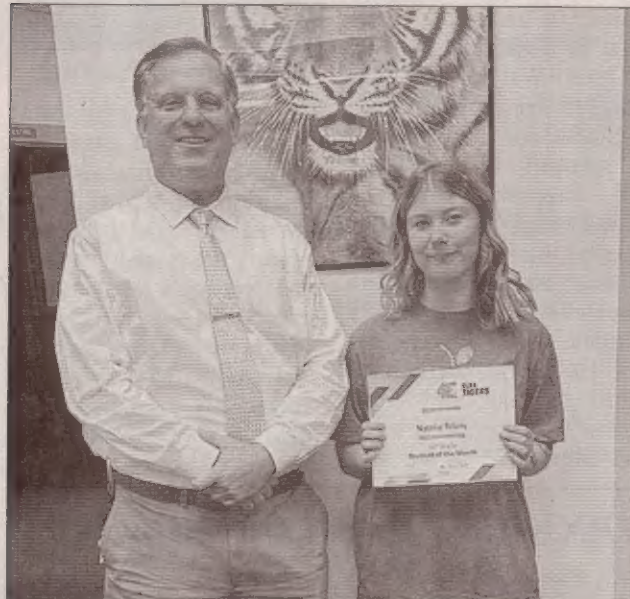
7TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 7th Grade at Elba High School were Ellison Eldridge (left) and Chase Coleman (right). The award was presented to the students by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (center).



8TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 8th Grade at Elba High School were Alana Barton (left) and Kaleb Magwood (right). The award was presented to the students by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (center).



9TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 9th Grade at Elba High School were Jasmine Swanson (left) and LaQuatos Edwards (right). The award was presented to the students by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (center).



10TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 10th Grade at Elba High School were Karson Tillery (right) and Jason McKinney (not pictured). The award was presented by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (left).



11TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 11th Grade at Elba High School were Keelie Moseley (left) and Caden Kyles (right). The award was presented to the students by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (center).



12TH GRADE...The November Students of the Month for 12th Grade at Elba High School were Mary Kelley (left) and Jacob Ledbetter (right). The award was presented to the students by principal Dr. Warren Weeks (center).

LEGAL NOTICES

(Additional Legal Notices on Page 4)

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. NH-0012(587) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-12 (US-84) from a point 0.250 mile west of the junction of Lawrence Drive in New Brockton to the junction of SR-192 in Enterprise. Length 4.803 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fifty (50) Working Days. A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$7.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,567,752 To \$3,138,363. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department

of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

**Notice to Contractors
Federal Aid Project No.
STPAA-0087(518)
COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Micro-Milling, Resurfacing, Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-87 from Pea Creek north of Elba to the Pike County Line. Length 13.066 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Eighty (80) Working Days. A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be

purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$7.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

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Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$3,814,084 To \$4,661,658. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of

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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

**Notice to Contractors
Federal Aid Project No.
STPAA-0167(518)
COFFEE AND DALE
COUNTIES, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 06, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-167 from the Geneva County Line to the junction of SR-192 in Enterprise. Length 7.870 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Fifty-five (55) Working Days. A 4.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$11.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

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only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$4,226,061 To \$5,165,186. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 11/21,28&12/5-chg.

**IN ENTERPRISE
DIVISION OF THE
PROBATE COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRENDA LEE LAWRENCE, DECEASED. CASE NO: 71-PR-2024-080

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased, Brenda Lee Lawrence, having been granted to Tonelle Lawrence on the 20th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

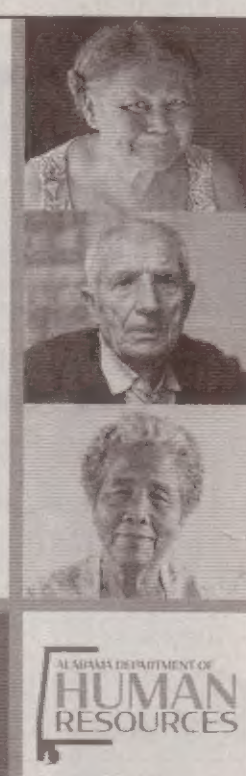
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was time to do a little Christmas shopping over the weekend and even though we weren't out for long, the traffic was almost unbearable and the lines in the stores certainly wore my patience thin. Maybe the next time we head out we will carry along a list of places to go and a list of just what we are looking for, which hopefully will save time and money.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers loss in last week's semifinals* was disappointing to everyone associated with the program, but after thawing out and thinking back, it was just another chapter in the history of Elba Tiger football and what a chapter it was for this year's senior class! This year's seniors won a total of 45 games in their four years in the program, including eight playoff wins, and after a 1-2 start this season refused to quit, went back to work and won ten straight games to make it all the way to the semifinals for the second straight season. Many folks wrote the season off after an 80-78 four-overtime loss in week three. However, the players and coaches just saw it as yet another challenge and met that challenge head on. I know the players and coaches were heart-broken Friday night after the loss and probably didn't take time to look in the bleachers, but if they had they would have seen hundreds of their fans that braved freezing temperatures and a long car ride to show their support – win or lose. The ride didn't quite take us all where wanted to go, but what a ride it was!



2024 ELBA TIGER SENIOR CLASS

Elba Tiger Hall of Fame football coach Mack Wood always said that in the playoffs there will be nights when you are a long way from home, when nothing is going right and that to win a state title you have to find a way to survive and move on. That was the case Friday night as the Tigers saw four penalty flags wipe off runs that totaled 109 yards and two touchdowns, fumbled seven times and lost three, and despite converting on four of seven third down conversions and two of four fourth down conversions, failed to find its way into the endzone in the second half. The Elba defense, which improved weekly during the season, allowed six of seven third down conversions and four of six fourth down conversions, but never backed down and even though it allowed four touchdowns, one came on a fourth and 11, one came on fourth and two and another came on third and goal at the ten-yardline. The defense battled throughout the game and just like the offense left it all on the field.

As a lifelong Elba Tiger fan, I just want to say 'Thank You' to all the players and coaches that made the season one of the best ever, with a special 'Thanks' to the seniors that made Tiger pride much more than just a motto during their careers!

*** *A brief look at this week's high school playoffs....* There are only three undefeated teams left in the playoff field – (6A) Saraland, (5A) Montgomery Catholic and (1A) Wadley, as well as only three teams playing for a championship this week that didn't win their in Central of Phenix City, Thompson and Houston Academy. The biggest stories perhaps are Parker, which is making its first championship game appearance since way back in 1980, and Houston Academy, which will play in its first championship game since 1973. In a related matter, the AHSAA has stated it will announce the new championship game rotation as far as where the games will be played the week of the state finals, and that is certainly something that will of interest to all high school fans.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* hit on five of his six playoff picks last week and dropped off this week's picks for the state finals. The local guesspert admitted he wasn't excited about the picks, but declared he was in it for the long haul and dropped off this week's fearless forecast. Here goes.... (7A) Thompson 34 Central Phenix City 21, (6A) Saraland 17 Parker 7, (5A) Montgomery Catholic 27 Moody 14, (4A) Jackson 34 Cherokee County 20, (3A) Mars Hill 31 Houston Academy 17, (2A) Reeltown 21 Tuscaloosa Academy 20, (1A) Wadley 35 Maplesville 14.

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Stated Coach Marc Sieving

A feeling of 'hurt and disappointment'

While Elba Tiger head football coach Marc Sieving stated everyone associated with the program was hurt and disappointed after last week's 28-21 semifinal loss to Maplesville, he was quick to say how proud he was of all the players and coaches that had put in countless hours during the season to make it a special year for the players, staff and fans.

"I am so proud of the kids for all they did and for the sacrifices they made to make it a successful season, said Sieving. "I remember back to last year on our first day back in the weight room and looking around at the players coming back, and thinking how much work we all had in front of us to carry on the tradition here at Elba. That group did that hard work to improve as players and as teammates and showed their pride and dedication by making it to the semifinal round of the post-season. That is a true

measure of the kind of kids that we had on this team."

"Looking back," added Sieving, "this group probably improved more than any group we have had and on a weekly basis just kept on working to become better players. It was fun coaching this group on offense and watching them light up the scoreboard almost every game, and over on defense where we improved weekly and became a solid unit. We had some really good players and everyone knows that, but we also had two sophomores and one junior start in the offensive line and rebuilt our defense one day at a time. This was a special group to coach and one that all Elba fans should be proud of."

"This senior class has been with me from the start and bought into what we were teaching and believed in us as coaches that if they worked hard and listened we could accomplish

anything," said Sieving. "I really appreciate everything they did here as players, students and leaders, and will certainly miss them all. I look forward to watching some of them play at the next level in the years to come, and to remaining friends with them all and watching them mature and grow up as young men."

When asked about last week's semifinal loss, Coach Sieving stated, "The outcome of the game came down to penalties and turnovers, and in big games that is frequently the way it goes. We had not been flagged many times in the playoffs and had not had a problem with turnovers all season. However, Friday night we had two touchdowns called back due to penalties and a third touchdown wiped out by a fumble. We had chances to win the game right up until the end, but could never seem to get a break on either side of the ball.



Coach Marc Sieving

The loss hurts, but this team won ten straight games to get to the semifinals after a 1-2 start, and turned things around due to the hard work of the players and coaches, and we can't let that one loss make us forget the season we had. It wasn't the way we wanted to finish the season, but we will accept it as another lesson to be learned and grow from it."

State champions to be crowned this week at 'Super 7'

The Class 7A Super 7 state championship lineup is all set after Friday night's AHSAA semifinal playoffs concluded on Friday night.

The field includes three undefeated teams, two teams that won state championships in 2023, and two teams playing in a state championship game for the first time in school history. All games will be played at Birmingham's Protective Stadium Dec. 4-5-6 and will be televised live over the Alabama Public Television Network and live video streamed over the NFHS Network.

Montgomery Catholic (13-0) downed Vigor in the Class 5A semifinals Friday night to advance to the Super 7 state championship game on Thursday night, Dec. 5, to face Moody High School. The Blue Devils (11-2), coached by **Jake Ganus**, downed Leeds 42-0 to advance to the school's first state championship game in school history. Catholic, coached by **Kirk Johnson**, is in the 5A title game after winning the Class 4A state championship last season.

Montgomery Catholic's girls' flag team is also returning to the Class 1A/5A finals after losing to Wenonah in overtime in 2023. The Lady Knights (16-4) will also face Moody (17-2) in the Class 1A/5A state championship game at 11 a.m., on Wednesday at Protective Stadium. Flag football, which spent three seasons as an emerging sport, is now officially a

state championship sport with the 1A/5A finals the official state championship game.

Central-Phenix City (11-2) clinched a berth in the 7A championship game two weeks ago and will be meeting Thompson (10-3) in a rematch of the 2023 finals. The 7A boys' finals kick off the AHSAA boys' championships on Wednesday night, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

Central-Phenix City's girls' flag football team also won the girls' 6A/7A state championship last season in the final year of flag being an emerging sport. The Lady Red Devils (18-0), which is riding a 36-game winning streak and is ranked No. 1 in the *USA Today* National flag football rankings, will meet Spain Park (15-4-1) in the 6A/7A flag finals Wednesday at 3 p.m. The Jaguars are ranked No. 19 in the national poll.

Saraland (13-0), the 2023 Class 6A state runner-up, is back in the boys' Class 6A finals on Friday night, Dec. 6, versus Parker High School (13-1). The Spartans, coached by **Jeff Kelly**, are reaching the 6A state finals for the third year in a row – winning the title in 2022 and finishing runner-up in 2024. Parker's Thundering Herd, coached by **Frank Warren**, is making its first state football championship appearance since 1980.

Class 1A Wadley (12-0), which downed Hackleburg 69-31 in the semifinals,

will face Maplesville (12-2), a 28-21 winner over Elba in the other semifinal game Friday. The Bulldogs, who come into the finals averaging 55.5 points per game, played in the state finals in 2021. The Red Devils prevented Elba senior running back from scoring a touchdown in its win – with the Auburn signee picking up 185 yards rushing. He had three touchdowns called back for penalties; however, and finished his high school career scoring 201 TDs.

Class 4A Cherokee County (13-1) and Class 2A Reeltown (13-1) are back in the finals again – after finishing as runner-up in 2023. The Warriors of **Coach Jeff Kelley** are in the finals for the third year in a row and will take on Jackson (13-1).

Newcomers to the state finals include Class 5A Moody and Class 2A Tuscaloosa Academy (12-2). The Knights will face Reeltown in the 2A finals at 3 p.m., Friday.

Houston Academy (13-1) is making its first appearance in a championship game since 1973 when the Raider face Mars Hill Bible (13-1) in the Class 3A finals at 11 a.m., Thursday. The Super 7 state championship pairings are below.

AHSAA SUPER 7 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL FINALS at Protective Stadium, Birmingham

Wednesday, Dec. 4
CLASS 1A-5A FINALS
Moody (17-2) vs. Montgomery Catholic (16-4), **Wed., Dec. 4, 11 a.m.**
CLASS 6A-7A FINALS
Central-Phenix City (18-0) vs. Spain Park (14-4-1), **Wed., Dec. 4, 3 p.m.**

AHSAA SUPER 7 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BOYS' STATE FOOTBALL FINALS at Protective Stadium, Birmingham
Wednesday, Dec. 4
CLASS 7A FINALS
Central-Phenix City (10-2) vs. Thompson (10-3), **Wed., Dec. 4, 7 p.m.**

Thursday, Dec. 5
CLASS 3A FINALS
Mars Hill Bible (13-1) vs. Houston Academy (13-1), **Thursday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.**
CLASS 1A FINALS
Wadley (12-0) vs. Maplesville (12-2), **Thursday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m.**
CLASS 5A FINALS
Moody (11-2) vs. Montgomery Catholic (13-0), **Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.**

Friday, Dec. 6
CLASS 4A FINALS
Jackson (13-1) vs. Cherokee County (13-1), **Friday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.**
CLASS 2A FINALS
Tuscaloosa Academy (12-2) vs. Reeltown (13-1), **Friday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m.**
CLASS 6A FINALS
Parker (13-1) vs. Saraland (13-0), **Friday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.**

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

BOYS:

Dale County 76 New Brockton 52 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell to the Dale County Warriors 76-52, at a tournament in Ariton. Anthony Silar scored 15 points and Josiah Lewis added 10 to lead the Gamecocks while Junior Smith led the Warriors with 27 points and 18 rebounds. Daleville 43 Zion Chapel 36 – The Zion Chapel Rebels suffered a 43-36 loss to the Daleville Warhawks, in a tournament in Ariton. Joseph LeGear scored 11 points to lead the Rebels,

while Isaak Testerman scored 15 points to lead the Hawks.

Opp 56 Kinston 42 – The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 56-42 road loss to the Opp Bobcats. Zavory Stanley scored 14 points and Colby Tew added 9 to lead the Bulldogs, while DJ Hines and Jeshurun Crittenden scored 15 points apiece to lead the Bobcats.

Ariton 56 Zion Chapel 32 – The Zion Chapel Rebels struggled putting the ball in the basket in a 56-32 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Brodie Stinson scored 10 points and John Foster

Hamm added 8 to lead the Rebels, while Pierce Gill scored 10 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to lead the Cats.

New Brockton 66 Daleville 61 – The New Brockton Gamecocks closed the game on a 15-5 run to rally past the Daleville Warhawks. Miles Tillis scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Anthony Silar added 13 and Justin Roberts scored 11. Isaak Testerman scored 20 points to lead the Hawks.

GIRLS:

Alabama Christian 64 New Brockton 32 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 64-32 decision to the Alabama Christian Lady Eagles, in Montgomery. Reese Eddins scored 11 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Katelyn Sutton scored 23 to lead the Lady Eagles.

Kinston 46 Opp 15 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 46-15

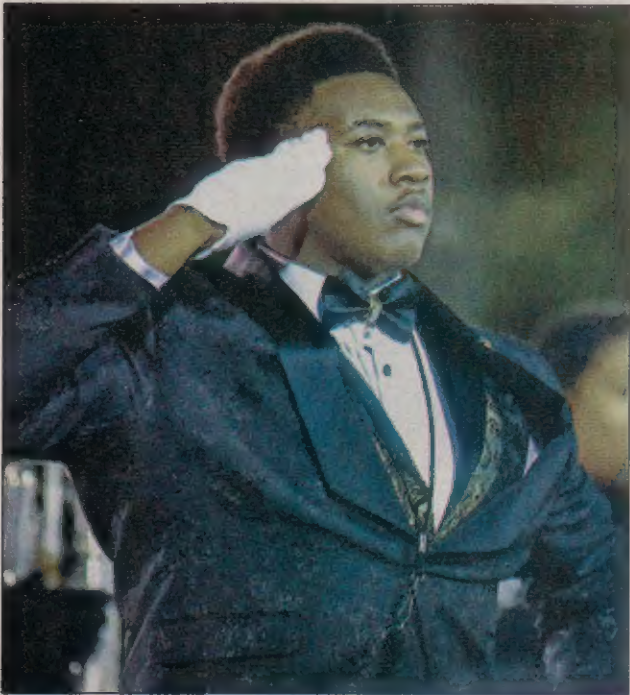
road win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Allyx Williamson scored 17 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lauren Norris added 10 and Maggie Martin scored 9. Ashlyn Henderson and Khristiya Justice scored 6 points apiece, to lead the Lady Bobcats.

New Brockton 46 JAG 36 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks got back on track with a solid 46-36 win over JAG, of Montgomery. Kiana Schmitz scored 16 points and Gabby Eubanks added 10 to lead the Lady Gamecocks.

JV BOYS:

Opp 32 Kinston 20 – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a 32-20 decision to the Opp Bobcats. Parker Weeks and Jax Hawthorne both scored 9 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Parker Burgess scored 13 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 6 steals to lead the Bobcats.

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Marching Tiger Band Drum Major Jalin Horstead salutes the crowd one final time for the 2024 football season as the band took the field for its halftime performance.



Elba Tiger fans were loud last Friday night as they cheered their Tigers in the AHSAA Class 1A football semifinals. The folks from Elba did not let the cold weather keep them from showing up for the Tigers as the stands and were full with standing room only on the visitors side. Here, the fans celebrate an Elba touchdown in the game.

Elba Tigers fall 28-21 in the semifinals to Maplesville

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
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The Elba Tigers saw their road to a state title hit a dead end Friday night with a disappointing 28-21 semifinal road loss to the Maplesville Red Devils, in a game marred by penalties and missed opportunities.

Elba received the game's opening kickoff and appeared to make an early statement when Alvin Henderson broke loose down the sidelines on a 38-yard scoring dash. However, the officials ruled that Henderson dropped the ball before crossing the goal line, and Maplesville pounced on the loose ball at the one-yardline to end the Tiger threat.

Maplesville made a statement of its own on its first possession as the Red Devils went 99 yards in 13 plays to grab the lead. Pearce Yeargan rushed for 16 yards and passed for 38 yards on the long scoring drive, with the touchdown coming on a 23-yard pass to Jakobe Nix. Brennan Harrison kicked the extra-point to put the Red Devils on top 7-0 with 3:50 left in the first quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession near midfield after a short kickoff and went 52 yards in eight plays to pull even on the scoreboard. Henderson rushed for 34 yards on four carries yards during the scoring drive, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 18 yards and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard run. Trai Davis kicked the extra-point, and with 45-seconds left in the quarter the score was tied at 7-7.

Maplesville began its second series of the night its own 42-yardline and the Red Devils remained on an early roll as they drove 58 yards in ten plays to regain the lead. The Devil touchdown came on a 23-yard pass from Yeargan to Davarien Clark on fourth down and 11, and Harrison added the extra-point as Maplesville regained the lead at 14-7 with 7:49 left in the second quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 46-yardline, and while the Tigers saw an apparent 54-yard scoring scamper by Alvin Henderson wiped away by a penalty flag, the

Tigers wasted no time getting back into the endzone as on the next play Cayden Adkins broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and rambled 52 yards for his second touchdown of the half. Davis added the extra-point as the Tigers pulled even at 14-14 with 7:13 remaining in the quarter.

The Elba defense turned back Maplesville on its next possession at the Tigers 36-yardline, and Elba played beat the clock as it went 64 yards in 13 plays to score with twenty-seconds left in the half. Two holding penalties against the Tigers slowed the drive, but Alvin Henderson and Cayden Adkins took turns butting heads with the Red Devil defense and grabbed their first lead of the game when Alvin Henderson barreled toward the goal line from 14 yards out, and Adkins recovered a fumble in the endzone for a Tiger touchdown. Davis again added the extra-point as Elba carried a 21-14 lead in at intermission.

Maplesville received the second half kickoff and marched 60 yards in ten plays to pull even. Pearce Yeargan was the workhorse of the scoring drive as he rushed for 17 yards and passed for 31 yards, and scored the Devil touchdown on a 2-yard run on fourth down and goal at the two. Harrison's extra-point was true, and with 8:00 left in the third quarter the score was tied at 21-21.

Elba saw an apparent 31-yard touchdown run by Alvin Henderson wiped out by yet another penalty flag on the Tigers ensuing possession, and this time he Tigers failed to overcome the flag as they turned the ball over on downs at the Maplesville 25-yardline.

Elba forced a three and out on the next Maplesville

possession and set up shop at the Red Devils 48-yardline after a short punt, but failed to move the chains and handed the ball back at the Devil 39-yardline.

The Tiger defense came up with a big goal line stand on the ensuing Maplesville possession at the one-yardline, and after five running plays the Tigers found themselves with a first down out at the Elba 40-yardline. The drive came to an end on the following play; however, on a Tiger turnover, and Maplesville cashed in the fourth quarter turnover to regain the lead.

The Red Devils go-ahead touchdown came on a 10-yard third down pass that deflected off an Elba defender into the arms of Maplesville's Davarien Clark, and Harrison booted the extra-point as the Red Devils moved back in front 28-21 with 3:30 left on the clock.

Elba began a march back down the field on its ensuing possession and behind the running of Henderson and Adkins moved the ball to the Red Devil 27-yardline with less than a minute remaining. However, two passes fell incomplete and on the Tigers final play of the season they lost yet another fumble as Maplesville claimed the 28-21 win to advance to the state finals.

Cayden Adkins rushed for 149 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead the Elba offense, while Alvin Henderson rushed for 174 yards on 23 carries.

Pearce Yeargan rushed for 51 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries and completed 16 of 24 passes for 159 yards and three touchdowns to spark Maplesville, while Nehemiah McCary rushed for 78 yards on 18 carries and Davarien Clark caught four passes for 40 yards and two td's.



Senior quarterback Cayden Adkins (10) had a big game for the Tigers in last week's semifinal matchup with Maplesville. Adkins scored three touchdowns to lead the Tigers in the game as he rushed for a total of 149 yards.



Senior wide receiver Brady Johnson (15) pulled in a pass from quarterback Cayden Adkins in the second half of last week's semifinal game in Maplesville. Elba finished the season with an overall 11-3 record.

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